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WITH JODY POWELL

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MR. POWELL: I have a couple of housekeeping announcements as well as some other matters here. First of all, there will be a background briefing on the NATO summit tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Old EOB, Room 450. Those of you that do not have regular White House press passes, if you want to attend, get in touch with Jerry Schecter's office.

Q Who will brief?

MR. POWELL: There are two or three people from NSC and State that are involved here. Since it will be on background, I guess I ought not to put who they will be on the record.

Several of you have asked about the President's speech to the Illinois Legislature. We do plan to have advance texts of that speech for you the night before.

Q What is the theme of the speech?

MR. POWELL: I think the basic theme of the speech is that one of the primary shared characteristics of government at all levels is that the American people are convinced that they are not doing the job that they should do, that we are all in it together and he needs their help and support to get done the things that he wants to do here in the Federal Government, and that then in return, they will find that the Federal Government is much less of a problem in making State Government function --

Q Federal Government what?